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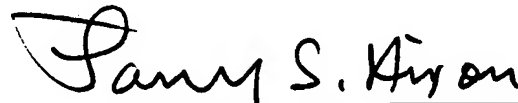
A Notification of Non-Complaint Appeal Brief was mailed on January 9, 2008 in response to Applicant's Appeal Brief of October 10, 2007. Although Applicant believes that the Claims Appendix present in the Appeal Brief was satisfactory, a Supplemental Claims Appendix (which lists only claims 1-4 and 6-7) is attached hereto.

In view of the attached Supplemental Claims Appendix, Applicant respectfully submits that the Appeal Brief originally presented on October 10, 2007 is complete. Should any minor matters remain to be addressed, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number below.

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SUPPLEMENTAL CLAIMS APPENDIX

1. A method of forming an electrical MRIS shim coil, said method comprising:

forming a required coil pattern in a sheet of electrically conductive material by cutting or punching.
2. A method as in claim 1 wherein the pattern is punched from the sheet.
3. A method as in claim 2 wherein the pattern is punched using a CNC punch or stamping machine.
4. A method as in claim 1 wherein the pattern is cut using a laser or a water jet.
6. A method of making an electrical MRIS shim coil, said method comprising:

creating plural adjacently positioned MRIS shim coil windings by cutting a continuous sheet of electrically conductive material along spaced apart paths, which windings are physically retained in adjacent as-cut positions by an insulating substrate adhered to said conductive material,

said cutting step including removal of conductive material along at least one cutting path by a process including at least one of: punching, stamping, laser beam and water jet cutting processes.

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7. A method as in claim 6 wherein said cutting comprises:

a first cutting step wherein bridges of material are left along the cutting paths to physically maintain the adjacent as-cut positions of the MRIS shim coil windings while said insulating substrate is adhered thereto followed by a second cutting step wherein said bridges are cut off to completely form an electrical separation between the adjacent winding conductors thus formed.



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The Appeal Brief filed on 10 October 2007 is defective for failure to comply with one or more provisions of 37 CFR 41.37.

To avoid dismissal of the appeal, applicant must file an amended brief or other appropriate correction (see MPEP 1205.03) within **ONE MONTH or THIRTY DAYS** from the mailing date of this Notification, whichever is longer.
EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136.

1. ☐ The brief does not contain the items required under 37 CFR 41.37(c), or the items are not under the proper heading or in the proper order.
2. ☐ The brief does not contain a statement of the status of all claims, (e.g., rejected, allowed, withdrawn, objected to, canceled), or does not identify the appealed claims (37 CFR 41.37(c)(1)(iii)).
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6. ☐ The brief does not present an argument under a separate heading for each ground of rejection on appeal (37 CFR 41.37(c)(1)(vii)).
7. ☒ The brief does not contain a correct copy of the appealed claims as an appendix thereto (37 CFR 41.37(c)(1)(viii)).
8. ☐ The brief does not contain copies of the evidence submitted under 37 CFR 1.130, 1.131, or 1.132 or of any other evidence entered by the examiner **and relied upon by appellant in the appeal**, along with a statement setting forth where in the record that evidence was entered by the examiner, as an appendix thereto (37 CFR 41.37(c)(1)(ix)).
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10. ☒ Other (including any explanation in support of the above items):

Regarding Item 7 above, the brief does not contain a correct copy of the appealed claims because the appendix includes Claims 5 and 8 through 10. Claims 5 and 8 through 10 have been withdrawn from consideration, have not been examined on their merits, are not under appeal, and thus should not be included in the appendix.

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